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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR NODES  
COMMUNICATING IN A SHARED  
NETWORK SEGMENT

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.112 (NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed August 7, 2009, in the above-captioned case.

*Amendments to the Claims* are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

*Remarks* begin on page 10 of this paper.